

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 8, 2001

Paul E. Sullivan, Esquire Sullivan & Mitchell, PLLC 1100 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 330 Washington, DC 20036

RE: MUR 5142 Forbes, Inc.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

On November 9, 2000, the Federal Election Commission notified your client of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and to take no action against your client. <u>See</u> attached narrative. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on May 2, 2001.

The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact Alva E. Smith on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Jeff S. Jordan

Supervisory Attorney

Central Enforcement Docket

Attachment: Narrative